

To: Community Representatives

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NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY LIAISON

t the June meeting of the Community Liaison Council, we "restarted" the Master Plan Update process. You'll recall that I announced in April that we needed to delay the start of the update, pending NIH internal decisions regarding renovation of the Clinical Center, Building 10. NIH staff and the consultant architects presented the preliminary schedule for the update to the Council on Thursday, June 21. The three working groups of the Council—Environment, Transportation, and Construction Impacts—will deliberate in meetings beginning the second week of July and proceeding through August, as needed. If you have volunteered to serve on one of these working groups, you can expect to hear from my office during the week of June 25. We also have added a Community Council Meeting to the schedule for August 30 to accommodate the planning process. We will post schedules for the update on the OCL Web site and put hard copy of information and reports in the Environmental Reading Room for your reference. Representatives on the Council will have all information and can make it available to you.

Also beginning in July, we will welcome Jennifer Kirby to the staff of the Office of Community Liaison. Ms. Kirby is presently completing her final rotation of a two-year Presidential Management Intern Program, and I am delighted to have her expertise and enthusiasm as part of the Office of Community Liaison.

Look in this month's issue for information about the coming Science in the Cinema series and the summer film festival. I hope that you all are enjoying vacations and family, and I send my best for a safe and happy Fourth of July celebration!

NIH CAMPUS NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

Neuroscience Research Center Plans Unveiled

Plans for the new John Edward Porter Neuroscience Research Center, to be built on the NIH campus, were reviewed by the NIH Community

Liaison Council at its May meeting. The new center will be a state-of-the-art facility that will bring together scientists from nine NIH Institutes who conduct research on the brain and nervous system. It will sit on the western side of the campus on a site bounded on the west by Old Georgetown Road, on the south by Lincoln Drive, on the east by Convent Road, and on the north by Buildings 37

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The Community Liaison Council (CLC) will hold its next meeting on **Thursday**, **July 19**, at **4** P.M. in Building 45, Conference Room D, on the NIH campus.

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and 40. Buildings 35 and 36, which currently occupy this site, will be demolished to make way for the new building. Construction will take place in two phases; the first phase should be completed in 2003 and the second phase in 2007.

The building will house about 1,100 NIH employees relocated from other buildings on campus. No new employee parking will be provided. However, new handicapped parking spaces are planned to replace spaces displaced by construction. Forty-five trees will be removed to make way for the new building, but 101 new trees will be planted, most of them in the Old Georgetown Road buffer zone. The building will incorporate energy conservation features including heat recovery, solar shading, and maximum use of natural light.

The Neuroscience Research Center is named for retired Congressman John Edward Porter of Illinois. To obtain more information about the plans for the center, call the NIH Office of Community Liaison at 301-496-3931 or visit the OCL Web site at http://ocl.od.nih.gov.

Stokes Laboratory Opens

The new Louis B. Stokes Laboratory Building (Building 50) officially opened on June 14. The five-story, consolidated laboratory building will house 550 scientists from five NIH institutes, most of whom conduct research in structural and cell biology. Built at a cost of \$66.8 million, the Stokes Laboratory replaces three of the oldest buildings on the NIH Bethesda campus: Buildings 2, 3, and 7. It is named for former Democratic Congressman Louis B. Stokes, who represented the Illinois 11th District from 1968 to 1998 and, until his retirement, was the most senior African American congressman on the House Appropriations Committee.

Two days prior to the opening of the Stokes Laboratory, NIH dedicated the Paul G. Rogers Plaza, which is located in front of Building 1 on the NIH campus. The plaza is named for Congressman Paul G. Rogers of Florida, who during his career championed the National Cancer Act, the Research on Aging Act, and other legislation aimed at improving health. Mr. Rogers now chairs Research!America, an advocacy organization for biomedical research.

NIAID Off-Campus Research Facility Opens

The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases' (NIAID's) new Malaria Vaccine Development Unit, located on Twinbrook Parkway in Rockville, officially opened in May. The unit has about 35 employees, many of whom have relocated from Building 4 on the NIH Bethesda campus. Renovation of the Twinbrook Parkway building is underway, and the building's second phase—expected to be completed this fall—will house the NIAID's Laboratory of Immunopathology. About 32 NIH employees will relocate from Building 7 when the second phase is completed.

Research activities in this facility will be conducted in accordance with the high standards of laboratory safety that all federal laboratories must follow. Laboratory staff are trained in the appropriate handling of research materials and containment procedures to ensure worker and public safety. There are no plans to introduce infectious agents or human pathogens of any kind in the newly renovated space.

All Aboard for Adventure in Science

Registration begins soon for the ninth annual 4-H Adventure in Science program at NIH. This handson science education program for children 8 to 11 runs on Saturday mornings from October to March. Adventure in Science involves children in a wide



Dr. Yarchoan and participants examine a calf heart and lung at last year's event.

range of activities that introduce them to important scientific concepts. For example, children learn about biology by dissecting a frog or by looking at pond life under a microscope. Or they might build and launch model rockets to learn about jet propulsion.

The program expects to accept about 30 children this year. Because the program is volunteer-led,

parents of participating children are asked to provide about 20 hours of assistance. A \$75 registration fee covers the cost of class supplies; the fee for a second child from the same family is \$50. Needbased scholarships are available. Interested parents can obtain further information and enrollment forms by calling 301-590-9638.

Volunteers from NIH and the surrounding community teach the program. "Volunteers should be enthusiastic and enjoy children, have good communication skills, and understand some area of science beyond the level of elementary school students," says Dr. Edward Max, a program coordinator. For more information about volunteering, contact Dr. Max at 301-827-1806, max@cber.fda.gov, or Dr. Blanche O'Neill at 301-435-3726, boneill@niaid.nih.gov.

Science in the Cinema Returns

The 2001 NIH Science in the Cinema series will be held on Thursday evenings from July 12 to August 16 at 7 P.M. in the Natcher Auditorium in Building 45 on the NIH campus. Every week, a film with a biomedical science theme will be screened. The following films have been confirmed so far:

- · The Snake Pit
- Down in the Delta
- The Tic Code

Following each film, a guest speaker with expertise in the film's theme will lead an audience discussion about the science depicted in the film. Admission is free; seating is on a first-come, firstserved basis. All films will be shown with captions, and interpreters and real-time captioning will be available for the post-film discussions. Anyone requiring additional reasonable accommodations to participate is asked to contact the NIH Office of Science Education at least five days before the event. For more information and to confirm screening dates for specific films, call 301-496-1727 or visit http://science-education.nih.gov. TTY users should call 301-496-9755 (please call through the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 or the Maryland Relay Service at 711 [in-state] or 1-800-735-2258 [out of state]).

Outdoor Film Festival Set

The fifth annual free NIH Outdoor Film Festival will take place August 17–26 on the NIH campus between the NIH Metro station and Building 16. Confirmed movies so far include *Remember the Titans* (Aug. 19), *Saturday Night Fever* (PG version, Aug. 21), *The Birds* (Aug. 23), *The Godfather* (Aug. 24), and *Rugrats in Paris* (Aug. 26). Food from local restaurants will be available for purchase, and the proceeds will benefit the NIH Children's Inn, Friends of the NIH Clinical Center, and Camp Fantastic. For additional information, call the NIH Recreation and Welfare Association at 301-496-6061 or visit http://www.recgov.org/r&w/events.html.

NIH Scientist Honored

Dr. John B. Robbins, Chief of the Laboratory of Developmental and Molecular Immunity at the National Institute for Child Health and Human Development, has received the 2001 Albert B. Sabin Gold Medal for his dedication to developing vaccines that prevent childhood diseases such as meningitis, pertussis, and typhoid. Most recently, he and his colleagues published a report on the development and successful testing of the first anti-typhoid vaccine suitable for small children. Dr. Robbins also has received the Lasker Award and the World Health Organization's Pasteur Award for developing a vaccine against the bacterium *Haemophilus influenzae* type B.

New Institute's Acting Director Appointed

Donna J. Dean, Ph.D., has been appointed acting director of the National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering (NIBIB). Dr. Dean, who has a background in biochemistry, cell and developmental biology, and biochemical endocrinology, was a senior scientific adviser in the Office of the NIH Director for three years and played a leading role in the establishment of NIBIB.

NIBIB was legislated last December and approved by Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy G. Thompson in April. NIBIB's mission is to support research that applies the principles of engineering and imaging science to biological processes, disorders, and diseases. NIBIB will coordinate research in other NIH Institutes and Centers and will create an agenda for research and training.

NIH Receives Transportation Award

NIH received the Ongoing Program of the Year award from Montgomery County in May. The award recognized NIH's efforts to promote car pools, van pools, and other traffic mitigation measures.

Job Hunting? Check the NIH Jobs Web Site

If you live in Bethesda and like the idea of walking to work, consider a career at NIH! A new Web site, http://www.jobs.nih.gov, displays a wide range of NIH career opportunities.

NIH is renowned for its biomedical research, but many non-research job opportunities are also available in areas such as scientific administration, information technology, accounting, contract management, engineering, animal care, and administrative and technical support. Doctors, nurses, dentists, and other health care professionals are needed to provide patient care at the Clinical Center, the research hospital on the NIH campus. Student internships in biomedical research, including summer programs for high school students, are also available. NIH offers comprehensive benefits including health insurance, life insurance, retirement plans, paid vacation and sick leave, family-friendly leave programs, flexible work schedules, and on-site child care facilities.

NIAAA Launches COMBINE Clinical Trial

The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism has launched a nationwide treatment study, Combining Medication and Behavioral Interventions (COMBINE), which targets persons diagnosed with alcohol dependence. More than eight million American adults meet the clinical criteria for alcoholism, and finding effective treatments for this disorder is a major priority of alcoholism research.

COMBINE will test different combinations of medication (the drugs naltrexone and acamprosate) together with behavioral modification treatment, including cognitive therapy and patient involvement in groups similar to Alcoholics Anonymous. The study will recruit 1,375 participants at 11 treatment centers over the next two years. Participants must be aged 18 and over. For more information, call 1-866-80-STUDY.

New Web Address for Share the Health

The address of the Web site for NIH's Share the Health event has been changed to http://sharethehealth.od.nih.gov, so update your browser's bookmarks or favorites. Share the Health is a free health forum for all ages. This year's event will be held on October 27. Check the Web site regularly for updates on events and for registration information.

NIH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 3

2001 Summer Lecture Series for Students' Research on Health Disparities: Bench to Bedside: *GLP-1 Agonists in the Treatment of Type 2 Diabetes*, by Dr. Josephine Egan, National Institute on Aging, noon–1 p.m., Masur Auditorium, Building 10, NIH. Free and open to the public. For more information, call 301-496-2427.

2001 Summer Lecture Series for Students' Research on Health Disparities: Bench to Bedside: *Novel Therapies for Type 1 Diabetes Mellitus*, by Dr. David M. Harlan, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, noon–1 P.M., Masur Auditorium, Building 10, NIH. Free and open to the public. For more information, call 301-496-2427.

July 17

2001 Summer Lecture Series for Students' Research on Health Disparities: Bench to Bedside: *Oral Carcinogenesis: Genomic Approaches and Novel Therapeutic Opportunities*, by Dr. J. Silvio Gutkind, National Institute of Deafness and Communication Disorders, noon–1 P.M., Masur Auditorium, Building 10, NIH. Free and open to the public. For more information, call 301-496-2427.

2001 Summer Lecture Series for Students' Research on Health Disparities: Bench to Bedside: *Why Are Babies Born Premature?* by Dr. Roberto Romero, National Institute of
Child Health and Human Development, noon–1 P.M.,
Masur Auditorium, Building 10, NIH. Free and open to the
public. For more information call 301-496-2427.

2001 Summer Lecture Series for Students' Research on Health Disparities: Bench to Bedside: Sickle Cell Disease—Recent Advances, by Dr. Griffin P. Rodgers, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, noon—1 P.M., Masur Auditorium, Building 10, NIH. Free and open to the public. For more information, call 301-496-2427.

OTHER NEWS AND ACTIVITIES OF INTEREST

Local Communities Celebrate Fourth of July

If the Independence Day crowds on the Washington Mall are too much for you, celebrate closer to home at one of the local Fourth of July celebrations throughout Montgomery County.

Rockville

Rockville will celebrate Independence Day with fireworks and musical entertainment at the stadium of Richard Montgomery High School, 250 Richard Montgomery Drive, Rockville, 6:30–10 P.M. Early-evening music will be provided by the Rockville Concert Band and other local musical groups. The fireworks display will begin at about 9:15 P.M. The rain date for fireworks and musical entertainment is July 5. For more information, call 301-309-3330 or visit http://ci.rockville.md.us.

Gaithersburg

Gaithersburg will have a celebration and fireworks show at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds from 6–10 P.M. The rain date for the fireworks show only is Saturday, July 7. For more information, call 301-258-6350 or visit http://ci.gaithersburg.md.us.

Wheaton

Wheaton will celebrate the Fourth with "Wheaton Sparkles" from 7–9 P.M. at Westfield Shoppingtown (University Boulevard and Viers Mill Road) and at Wheaton Triangle (Reedie Drive and Grandview Avenue). Attractions will include live music, food vendors, a puppet show, and moon bounce. The fireworks display will begin at about 9:30 P.M. The rain date for fireworks only is July 6. For more information, call 240-777-8122.

A Cornucopia of Summer Concerts

No matter what your musical tastes are, you'll find something to enjoy in the wide range of open-air concerts throughout Montgomery County this summer. Bring a blanket or a lawn chair and listen to great music under the sun or the stars.

Downtown Bethesda

Bethesda offers free lunchtime, evening, and Sunday brunch concerts. Enjoy the warm weather by taking in the cool sounds of jazz, blues, swing, country, folk, and rock and roll. For more information, call 301-215-6660 or visit http://www.bethesda.org.

- Lunchtime Concerts. Thursdays, noon-2 P.M.
 Bethesda Place Plaza (corner of Old Georgetown Road and Woodmont Avenue). July 5, 12, 19, 26.
- Evening Concerts. Wednesdays, 6–8 P.M. Bethesda Row Fountain (corner of Woodmont and Bethesda Avenues). July 4, 25; August 1, 20. Thursdays, 6–8 P.M. Veterans Park (corner of Woodmont and Norfolk Avenues at Woodmont Triangle). July 5, 12, 19, 26.
- *Dance Concerts.* Fridays, 6–9 P.M. Food Court, Bethesda Metro Center (outdoors on the Plaza). July 27; August 10, 24; September 7, 21.
- Sunday Brunch Concerts. Sundays, noon–2 P.M. Bethesda Row Fountain (corner of Woodmont and Bethesda Avenues). July 1, 15; August 5, 19; September 2, 16.

Strathmore Hall Arts Center

All concerts are free and begin at 7:30 P.M. on the lawn. Dinner is available beginning at 6:30 P.M. Strathmore Hall Arts Center is located at 1701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda. On-site parking is \$3, and the center is accessible by Metro (Grosvenor-Strathmore Station). For more information or to obtain a brochure about the summer concert series, call 301-530-0540.

- Summer Sounds. Tuesdays, July 3-August 21.
 Musical offerings include blues, traditional country, New Orleans-style jazz, and Caribbean dance music.
- *Summer Serenades*. Thursdays, July 5–26. Brass, choral music, and classical favorites.
- World Beats. Thursdays, August 3–23. Traditional and modern music from South Africa, South America, Scotland and Ireland, and Spain.

Summer Sounds in the Parks

These free concerts and shows in Montgomery County parks offer something for every age group and audience, including barbershop harmonies, big-band sounds, light classical pops, musical comedy, puppet theater, and Cajun rhythms. Concerts are held at five locations:

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- Black Hill Regional Park, Boyds (July 11 and 18; August 1)
- Cabin John Regional Park, Rockville (July 10, 17, 24, and 31)
- Damascus Regional Park, Damascus (July 1, 15, and 29)
- Stevens Park, Poolesville (July 8 and 22)
- Wheaton Regional Park, Wheaton (July 12, 19, and 26; August 2)

All concerts begin at 7 P.M. For more information and to obtain a brochure describing the concerts, call 240-777-6821. In the case of inclement weather on the day of a concert, call the same number after 3 P.M. to find out if the event is canceled.

Silver Spring Swings

Music fills the air in downtown Silver Spring most Thursday evenings as this free summer concert series returns. Offerings include red-hot blues, Latin and Caribbean music, rockabilly, rockin' jazz, and salsa. On July 12–15, the "Silver Screen Under the Stars" will feature outdoor movies.

Concert goers may bring a picnic and sand chairs or low beach chairs. Food is available for purchase from vendors onsite. Alcohol is not permitted. Raffles, face painting, and more round out the fun. All concerts take place at 7 P.M. at Georgia Avenue and Ellsworth Drive in Silver Spring. For more information or to obtain a brochure, call 301-565-7300.

Gaithersburg Summer Concerts

Music, dance, and comedy are all on hand at the City of Gaithersburg's summer concert series in the City Hall Concert Pavilion, 31 South Summit Avenue, Gaithersburg, Maryland. Entertainment runs the gamut from "oldies" pop to traditional country music, Irish song and humor, and dance from around the world. All shows are free.

- Noon Tunes. Noon-2 P.M. July 5, 12, 19, and 26
- *Kaleidoscope Series.* 10:30 A.M.–noon. July 2, 9, 16, and 23; August 3
- Twilight Concerts. 7–9 P.M. July 6, 20, and 27.
- Starlight Saturdays. 7-9 P.M. July 14, 21, and 28.

For more information about individual concerts, call 301-258-6350 or visit http://ci.gaithersburg.md.us (click on "Calendar of Events").

Music in the Library

Kensington Park Community Library offers the following concerts in July:

- Jeffrey Beaudery and Tom Gilson, pianists, and Eddie Sanders, bassoonist. July 9.
- East African music and dance performed by Namu Lwanga of Uganda. July 18.
- Folk singer Oscar Brand. July 22.

All concerts are free and begin at 7 P.M. Kensington Park Community Library is located at 4201 Knowles Avenue in Kensington. Call 301-897-2211 for more information.

Olney MusicFest 2001

MusicFest 2001 takes place July 13–15, 2001, and will feature a Youth Rock Festival at Sherwood High School in Olney as well as Music Where You Are, a series of musical performances at various locations around Olney. For more information, call Ron Berger at 301-774-4979 or Bruce McIndoe at 301-924-0242, bmcindoe@b2bweb.net.

Annual Farm Tour and Harvest Sale Set

Have a great day out with the family and help support Montgomery County's agricultural industry by visiting local farms during the 12th Annual Farm Tour and Harvest Sale on Saturday, July 28, and Sunday, July 29. Spend a day—or the weekend—in the country, petting farm animals or having lunch by a scenic pond. Purchase fresh fruits, vegetables, flowers, and plants. Hay rides, pony rides, music, demonstrations, and other fun activities will be offered at several farms. Twelve farms will be open on both July 28 and 29; an additional six farms will be open on July 28 only. Tour hours both days are 10 A.M.-4 P.M. The event will take place rain or shine. Pick up a brochure at your local public library or call 301-590-2823 for additional information. Pets are not allowed, except for seeing eye dogs. Individuals with disabilities can be accommodated if they call by July 3 to request assistance (TDD 240-777-2046).

Olney Theatre Center Presents Holiday

The Olney Theatre Center presents *Holiday* by Philip Barry, directed by John Going, from July 17 to August 18. *Holiday* is a sophisticated romantic comedy set in 1920s high society. Tickets (\$28.50 or \$30) may be purchased through Ticketmaster or by calling the box office at 301-924-3400. The Olney Theatre Center is located at 2001 Olney-Sandy Spring Road in Olney.

Summer Programs for Parents

Bethesda YMCA Youth Services is offering three summer programs for parents. Call 301-229-1347 for more information or to register for these programs.

- Active Parenting: Right from the Start. For parents of children 0-4 years old. Four sessions, Thursdays, July 12-August 2, 7-8:30 P.M., Ayrlawn YMCA Program Center, 5650 Oakmont Avenue, Bethesda. \$15.
- Parenting Teens. Four sessions, Tuesdays, July 10–31, 7–8:30 P.M. Ayrlawn YMCA Program Center. \$15.
- Getting Ready for School. Workshop, Tuesday, August 21, 7:30–9 P.M. Davis Library, 6400
 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda. Free.

Summer Theatre for Kids at Strathmore

Strathmore Hall's Backyard Theatre program continues during July with four lively programs for children under the tented backyard stage. Shows are on Thursdays at 9:30 and 11:30 A.M.

- July 5: Goombay (Caribbean music)
- July 12: Cathy and Marcy (music)
- July 19: Boilermaker Jazz Band
- July 26: Mr. Ray Sings

Tickets (\$6 for both children and adults) will be available at the door or may be purchased in advance by calling 301-530-0540.

Celebrating Montgomery County's History

Have fun with history at the fourth annual Montgomery County History Tour on Saturday, July 7, and Sunday, July 8. Twenty-five sites representing Montgomery County's history and heritage will be open from noon–4 P.M. with special activities, exhibits, tours, and demonstrations—and it's all free.

Participating sites include the Beall-Dawson House and Stonestreet Museum of 19th Century Medicine in Rockville, the John Poole House and General Store in Poolesville, the Historic Waters House and Barn in Germantown, and the Sandy Spring Slave Museum and African Art Gallery in Sandy Spring. For more information, call 301-762-1492 or visit http://www.montgomeryhistory.org.

Rockville Rotary Twilight Runfest

Join the Rockville Rotary Club and the Montgomery County Road Runners on Saturday, July 21, from 7–11 P.M. for a Twilight Runfest. Events include an 8K run, a 1K fun run, and a wheelchair race. The course runs through Rockville Town Center and the Montgomery College campus. A festival with free refreshments, music, live entertainment, and dancing will follow the race.

Register for the race at http://www.radix.net/ http://www.radix.

TRY THIS WEB SITE:

http://www.nlm.nih.gov/hmd/emotions/emotionshome.html

The National Library of Medicine's History of Medicine Division offers an online illustrated exhibit. Emotions and Disease, which examines the links between emotions and disease throughout history. The study of the interaction of the mind, the body, and medicine is once again the focus of attention by both scientists and the public. This site provides a historical perspective on an issue that continues to elude full understanding. It describes the ancient and Renaissance belief that bodily humors affect both character and disease, the 19thcentury discovery of psychosomatic diseases such as hysteria, and the development of stress-related diseases such as peptic ulcer in the 20th century. The exhibit conveys the lively dialogue of the scientific and medical communities over the interaction of emotions and disease, concluding with a survey of recent findings in neuroscience.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteers With Sickle Cell Disease Needed

NIH is conducting several important new studies aimed at improving treatment of sickle cell disease. If you are aged 18 to 65 and have sickle cell disease, please consider taking part. Compensation is available for participation in certain studies. Call 1-800-411-1222 (TTY 1-866-411-1010) for more information.

Healthy Women Sought for Bone Density Study

The National Institute of Child Health and Human Development seeks healthy women aged 18 to 32

to take part in a research study of bone density. You may be eligible to participate if you are not pregnant, nursing, or planning pregnancy within the next three years; do not use oral contraceptives or prescribed medications; have no medical conditions; have a regular menstrual cycle; smoke less than two cigarettes per day, and drink less than two alcoholic drinks per day. Participation involves four visits over a three-year period. Compensation is provided. Call 301-435-7926 for more information.

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